

yet to exact much change. Pakistan's intended destruction of the nascent Kashmir peace process requires a firmer response from the U.S. administration. Declaring Pakistan a terrorist state, and thus putting it on par with the terrorist group it harbors and supports, would encourage the people of Pakistan to remove the military warmongers who have deprived them of sustainable development.

It is clear who wants peace in the region and who does not. Only by challenging Pakistan's duplicatous ways will peace have a hope of winning.

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ARMED INDIA CAN HELP STABILIZE ASIA

(By Selig S. Harrison)

In May, 1998, India conducted five nuclear tests. More than two years later, the United States, with a record of 949 nuclear tests during the five decades since Hiroshima, is still enforcing punitive economic sanctions against New Delhi, poisoning the entire relationship between the world's two largest democracies.

President Clinton should quietly bury this self-defeating policy when he meets with Prime Minister Atul Behari Vajpayee at the White House this week. Pressuring India to reverse its commitment to develop nuclear weapons merely strengthens Indian hawks who oppose closer relations with Washington and favor an all-out nuclear buildup that would stimulate nuclear arms races with China and Pakistan.

The United States should accept the reality of a nuclear armed India as part of a broader recognition of its emergence as a major economic and military power. Such a shift would remove the last major barrier blocking a rapid improvement in Indo-U.S. relations. President Clinton has kept up the pressure on India to forswear nuclear weapons despite the fact that all sections of Indian opinion strongly favor a nuclear deterrent.

Instead of persisting in a futile effort to roll back the Indian nuclear weapons program, the United States should seek to influence the current debate in New Delhi over the size and character of the nuclear buildup. A more relaxed relationship with New Delhi would facilitate U.S. cooperation with moderate elements in the Indian leadership who favor nuclear restraint.

A U.S. policy focused on nuclear restraint rather than nuclear rollback should not only seek to minimize the number of warheads but also to keep them under civilian control and to limit the frequency of missile tests. Other key U.S. goals should be to get India to sign the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and to formalize de facto Indian restrictions on the export of nuclear technology.

Moderate elements in New Delhi are sympathetic to many of these objectives but need U.S. quid pro quos to make them politically attainable. For example, the continuation of sanctions makes it impossible for the Indian government to sign the test ban without appearing to surrender to foreign pressure. Equally important, the sanctions have blocked \$3 billion in multilateral aid credits for power projects and other economic development priorities.

Together with the removal of sanctions, the U.S. should greatly reduce the blanket restrictions on the transfer of dual-use technology that were imposed after the 1998 tests. These restrictions cover many items with little relevance to nuclear weapons.

The most important U.S. quid pro quo would be the relaxation of the existing U.S. ban on the sale of civilian nuclear reactors badly needed by India to help meet its grow-

ing energy needs. Indians find it galling that China is permitted to buy U.S. reactors, while India is not.

The reason for this blatantly discriminatory policy lies in legalistic hair-splitting in the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Since China had tested nuclear weapons in 1964, it was classified as a "nuclear weapons state" under the treaty. As such, Beijing was eligible to sign the NPT, along with the other powers then possessing nuclear weapons, the United States, Russia, Britain and France.

All other states were barred in perpetuity from the nuclear club and asked to forswear nuclear weapons formally by signing the treaty. India branded the NPT as discriminatory and refused to sign. Now it would like to sign as a nuclear weapon state but the U.S. will not permit it.

The NPT itself does not bar its signatories from providing nuclear technology to non-signatories such as India. However, the U.S. Congress went beyond the NPT with a law stipulating that non-signatories cannot receive U.S. nuclear technology even if they accept International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA, safeguards on its use, which India is willing to do. This legislation even bars the U.S. from helping India to make its nuclear reactors safer.

Significantly, Hans Blix, the respected former IAEA director who now heads the U.N. arms inspection mission to Iraq, has urged that the ban on civilian nuclear sales to both India and Pakistan be lifted if they are willing to make two major concessions: signing the test ban and agreeing to freeze their stockpiles of weapons-grade fissile material at present levels.

"There is nothing in the NPT that would stand in the way of such an arrangement," Blix noted at a Stockholm seminar, and as matters stand, "India and Pakistan are most unlikely to discard whatever nuclear weapons capacity they possess. There is even a clear risk of a race between them to increase fissile material stocks."

The United States has been pushing India to join in a multilateral moratorium on fissile material production but without offering clear incentives. Blix has proposed a more realistic approach. U.S. policy should be based on a tactic recognition that a multipolar Asian balance of power in which India possesses a minimum nuclear deterrent will be more stable than one in which China enjoys a nuclear monopoly.

HONORING BETTE BELLE SMITH

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 5, 2000

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a very special lady. When I think of Bette Belle Smith I am truly amazed. This remarkable woman is the epitome of the word inspiration. I am proud to report to my colleagues Bette Belle has been named as California's Outstanding Older Worker for 2000 by Green Thumb, Inc.

Her story is truly one of extraordinary accomplishment. Consider that she didn't enter the workforce until she was 57 years old. Now, 22 years later she's still holding the same job as a bank vice president. As amazing as that may seem, what makes this lady so special is that she is truly the queen of volunteerism.

In fact, Bette Belle has been volunteering most of her life. She began her career as a

volunteer during the Second World War with the American Red Cross. Among the organizations she is involved with since then include the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, California Women for Agriculture and the 4-H Sponsor Committee, the American Field Service International Scholarship Program and AFS Committee, United Way and Special Events Committee, the McHenry Museum Society and Museum Guild and the Modesto Symphony Orchestra board.

When she walks into a room, Mr. Speaker, it's nearly impossible to say no to her. Is it any wonder why The United Way of Stanislaus County named its annual volunteerism award, the "Bette Belle Smith Community Award?" I am proud to call this incredible woman my friend. She is tireless and a fantastic role model for us all.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Bette Belle Smith.

QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY; RESULTS, NOT PROCESS

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague from Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania, the Honorable WILLIAM GOODLING. BILL GOODLING has served his constituents and the nation in this body for more than a quarter century. In that time, he has proven himself a dedicated public servant, one who recognizes the importance of, as he says, quality over quantity and results over process.

That philosophy has been most apparent during his tenure as Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee. Over the past six years, BILL GOODLING has worked tirelessly for fair and comprehensive education and labor policy. He has advocated returning control over our children's education to parents, teachers, principals, and local school districts because BILL knows that no one is better qualified to meet their educational needs than the people who interact with them every day.

In fact, very few among us are as well suited as BILL GOODLING to championing the improvement of this nation's educational system. Prior to coming to Washington, he served his community as a teacher, principal, and coach. He even served as school superintendent, so he knows first-hand the educational needs of children.

From his development of the Even Start Program to aid parents in supporting this children's learning process and his support of the Ed Flex bill, to his push to increase the percentage of American children receiving quality education from the current 50 percent to 100 percent, we know that BILL GOODLING has recognized the need to work today to create a better tomorrow.

I know I speak for many of our colleagues when I say that BILL GOODLING's insight and experience will be missed. Thank you, BILL, for your many years of service, and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MILDRED MILLIE
JEFFREY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 5, 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with high honor and deep admiration that I share the words of President William Jefferson Clinton as he bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom to a national treasure from the State of Michigan, Mildred "Millie" Jeffrey.

As a Catholic schoolgirl, Millie Jeffrey dodged the stones of neighborhood bigots and watched Klansmen march through town with a burning cross. As a union organizer in Mississippi, she stood bravely as company men snapped bullwhips at her feet. Clearly, they didn't know whom they were up against.

She may be small in stature and humble in manner, but she is very strong. She worked for Walter Reuther and counseled the Kennedys, influencing all with her courage and unflagging commitment to social justice. To meet the need for more women in public office, she started the National Women's Political Caucus, and sparked the effort to nominate Geraldine Ferraro 16 years ago.

For countless women around the world, she remains an inspiration. Her impact will be felt for generations, and her example never forgotten.

It has been my personal privilege to work side by side with Millie Jeffrey over these years on many vital issues ranging from the world of politics including the campaign of Robert Kennedy to the world of civil rights and the rights of women. It is hard to convey through the written word Millie's enthusiasm and dogged devotion to her causes. She not only continues to "light up" a room, but she remains committed to action and results.

In closing, let me share a bit of Millie Jeffrey herself from an upcoming documentary film of her life, "You never win freedom permanently. You have to win it time after time after time—whether it's union rights, civil rights, equality in education or for women in any aspect of our lives. We have to keep at it, and at it."

TRIBUTE TO J.R. CURTIS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 5, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of an exceptional man, an outstanding community leader and beloved citizen of Longview, Texas, the late J.R. Curtis, whose life was cut short at the age of 55 following a motorcycle accident on September 2 in Durango, Colorado. J.R. lived life with enthusiasm—and with a tremendous devotion to his family, his community, his friends and his faith. He leaves a remarkable legacy of professional and civic accomplishments—as well as a legacy of loving relationships with his family and many friends.

J.R. was born on August 18, 1945, to James R. Curtis, Sr., and Sarah DeRue Armstrong Curtis of Longview. He graduated from Longview High School in 1963 and graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in 1967. He also attended the American Institute of Foreign Trade in Glendale, Ariz., from 1967–68.

J.R. was a successful and popular radio broadcaster in Longview. He purchased KFRO AM/FM radio station from his father in 1986 and was the owner and manager until 1998. He also became owner of KLSQ-FM and operated KNYN in Santa Fe, N.M. He began his broadcasting career in high school, working for his father's station as sportscaster for KFRO's Wednesday night Teen Time Program. He learned all aspects of the radio business, from engineering to news and sales, at an early age.

J.R. was active in the Texas Association of Broadcasters, serving as a medium market director for TAB and as president of TAB. He was named Texas Broadcaster of the Year in 1990. He also was active at the national level, serving as a member of the National Association of Broadcasters Blitz Committee and as a director of NAB in Washington, DC, from 1996–99.

In addition to broadcasting, J.R. served as president of the Curtis Foundation, president of Workmans Oil Co., and a director of First Federal Savings Bank of Longview from 1982–1997. At the time of his death, he was employed as a consultant with Longview Economic Development Corp.

J.R. served nine years on the Longview City Council, from 1975–1984. In 1977 he became the youngest mayor in Texas when he was appointed by the council at age 33 to the city's top job. His recent community involvement included serving as president and vice president of Longview 20/20 Forum; finance chairman of Longview Museum Fine Arts, 1997; director of Longview Partnership, 1995–98; and a member of the administrative board of First United Methodist Church, 1996–98. He had a 19-year perfect attendance record in the Longview Rotary Club, where for many years he kept the membership informed of local and national news.

Other involvements included serving as president of Gregg County Housing Finance Corp., executive committee member for the East Texas Council of Governments, director of Little Cypress Utility District, director of the Longview Chamber of Commerce, foundation board member of Good Shepherd Medical Center, foundation board member of LeTourneau University, board member of Crisman Preparatory School and a volunteer for many other organizations. He was a member of the Collier Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church and an usher at the church.

J.R. is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Sue Skaggs Curtis; his son and daughter-in-law, Jason Skaggs Curtis and Janey of Fort Worth; his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Curtis of Longview; granddaughter, Margaret Lynn of Fort Worth; his aunt, Ruth Elizabeth Curtis Gray of Longview; mother-in-law, Fredna Skaggs of Longview; brother-in-law Bill Hodges of Longview and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lucas of Longview; two nephews and a niece, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Elizabeth DeRue Curtis Hodges.

J.R. had biked to Durango with five friends for an annual getaway vacation. He died as he had lived—with enthusiasm for life and for friendship. He will long be remembered for the significant contributions he made to his beloved city of Longview. As his wife and high school sweetheart, Sue Curtis, noted, "He

loved Longview. He believed in Longview. He was born here and went to school here and wanted to make it a better place."

And he did. J.R.'s influence can be found everywhere in Longview—and will be felt for years to come. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in celebration of the life of this wonderful man and citizen of Longview, Texas—J.R. Curtis, whose memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who knew him and loved him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S 89TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 5, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of the Republic of China's 89th National Day, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing our friends in Taiwan a most happy and enjoyable National Day.

Mr. Speaker, like many of my colleagues and me, there are countless people across this nation who applaud the economic and political accomplishments of our friends in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, I truly wish there were more nations in the world following Taiwan's example of unprecedented economic success and rapid democratization; Taiwan is indeed the shining model that all developing nations in the world should seek to emulate. I am certain, Mr. Speaker, that many of my colleagues, given the opportunity, would express the same sentiment.

I am pleased for this opportunity to extend every good wish to the people of Taiwan and its leaders.

TAIWAN CELEBRATES ITS BIRTHDAY

HON. RICK HILL

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 5, 2000

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan will celebrate its birthday on October 10, 2000. Taiwan is a modern country led by President Chen Shui-bian, who believes that Taiwan's future lies in a strong democracy and a free enterprise system. Taiwan is an excellent model of democracy, as was demonstrated in its March presidential election. Since his inauguration as president on May 20, President Chen has convincingly demonstrated his leadership. Economically, in addition to its well-known industrial prowess, in recent years Taiwan leads most Asian nations in its production of computers, chips and telecommunications equipment.

Taiwan is Montana's 5th largest trade partner, purchasing millions of dollars of Montana exports of agricultural products, chemicals and machinery. I want to thank our friends in Taiwan for their continued importation of Montana goods.

Taiwan's citizens enjoy one of the highest living standards in the world. On the occasion